

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 were presented for examination and all claims were rejected. In the present amendment, claims 1, 7, 12 and 24 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced. Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-29 are pending in this application, of which claims 1, 12 and 24 are independent. Applicants submit that pending claims 1-29 are patentable and in condition for allowance.

The following comments address all stated grounds of rejection. Applicants respectfully traverse all rejections and urge the Examiner to pass the claims to allowance in view of the remarks set forth below.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102**I. Claims 1-29 Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. §102**

Claims 1-29 are rejected as anticipated over U.S. Patent No. 6,675,193 to Slavin et al. (“Slavin”) under 35 U.S.C. §102. Claims 2-11 depend on and incorporate all of the patentable subject matter of independent claim 1. Claims 13-23 depend on and incorporate all of the patentable subject matter of independent claim 12. Claims 25-29 depend on and incorporate all of the patentable subject matter of independent claim 24. Applicants traverse this rejection and submit that Slavin fails to disclose each and every element of claims 1-29 with the present amendments.

A. Independent Claims 1 and 12 Not Anticipated By Slavin

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found,

either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. Independent claims 1 and 12 are directed towards a method and computer system respectively. These claims, as amended, recite an enrollment administration system for specifying enrollment rules. The enrollment rules identify one or more users permitted to enroll one or more network resources for authorized remote access. These claims further recite an enrollment system configured to communicate with the enrollment administration system for enrolling by a user of the one or more users a first networked resource of the one or more network resources for remote access by the user if permitted by specified enrollment rules. Slavin fails to disclose each and every element of the claimed invention, as amended.

Slavin fails to disclose enrollment rules identifying one or more users permitted to enroll one or more network resources for authorized remote access. Rather, Slavin is directed towards controlling a remote device via an HTTP tunneling protocol. A user provides a username and password to establish an HTTP connection to a set of data points (see col. 8, lines 16-30 and 54-59, Slavin). The use of a username and password to access a resource is merely an authenticating rule – a rule for authenticating a user for access to a resource. The enrollment rules of the claimed invention are distinct from username and password authentication or authorization. For example, as described in the specification of the present application (see paragraph [0034]) a group of users that may be authorized to directly access a group of networked resources via access rules may not be authorized to enroll those networked resources for remote access if no such enrollment rule has been specified. Slavin does not describe any enrollment process – separate from authenticated access - of a user enrolling a network resource for remote access if permitted by an enrollment rule. Thus, Slavin fails to disclose each and every feature of the claimed invention.

For at least the above-discussed reasons, Slavin fails to disclose each and every feature of independent claims 1 and 12. Thus, Applicants submit independent claims 1 and 12 are patentable and in condition for allowance. Claims 2-11 depend on and incorporate all of the patentable subject matter of independent claim 1. Claims 13-23 depend on and incorporate all of the patentable subject matter of independent claim 12. Thus, Slavin fails to detract from the patentability of dependent claims 2-11 and 13-23. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102.

B. Independent Claim 24 Not Anticipated By Slavin

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. Independent claim 24, as amended, recites specifying an enrollment rule, the enrollment rule identifying one or more users permitted to enroll one or more network resources for authorized remote access, and enrolling by a user of the one or more users a first networked resource of the one or more network resources if permitted by the specified enrollment rule. This claim also recites granting the user remote access to the first networked resource from a remote device if the user had previously successfully enrolled the first networked resource via the enrollment system and denying the user remote access to the first networked resource from the remote device if the user had not previously successfully enrolled the first networked resource via the enrollment system. Slavin fails to disclose each and every element of the claimed invention, as amended.

As previously discussed above, Slavin does not disclose specifying enrollment rules which identify one or more users permitted to enroll one or more network resources for authorized remote access. Moreover, Slavin fails to disclose granting or denying the user remote

access to the first networked resource from a remote device based on success in enrolling the first networked resource according the specified enrollment rules. Slavin merely describes allowing access to data using a username and a password for authentication and does not further rely on the user enrolling the network resource for remote access. Slavin does not require a user to further enroll a network resource to access the network resource remotely regardless if the user has authenticated access. Therefore, Slavin fails to disclose each and every feature of the claimed invention.

For at least the above-discussed reasons, Slavin fails to disclose each and every feature of independent claim 24. Thus, Applicants submit claim 24 is patentable and in condition for allowance. Claims 25-29 depend on and incorporate all of the patentable subject matter of independent claim 24. Thus, Slavin fails to detract from the patentability of dependent claims 25-29. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claim 24-29 under 35 U.S.C. §102.

CONCLUSION

In light of the aforementioned amendments and arguments, Applicants contend that each of the Examiners rejections has been adequately addressed and all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and allowance of all of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorney would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the Applicants' attorney at the telephone number identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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